

EXHIBITIONS AND NOTICES.

February 4, 1913.

Sir JOHN ROSE BRADFORD, K.C.M.G., F.R.S., Vice-President,
in the Chair.

THE SECRETARY read the following report on the additions made to the Society's Menagerie during the months of November and December, 1912:—

NOVEMBER.

The registered additions to the Society's Menagerie during the month of November were 161 in number. Of these 65 were acquired by presentation, 66 by purchase, 11 were received on deposit, 9 in exchange, and 10 were born in the Gardens.

The total number of departures during the month, by death and removals, was 229.

Amongst the additions special attention may be called to the following:—

1 Humboldt's Saki (*Pithecia monachus*), from Iquitos, purchased on November 20th.

1 Kusinanse (*Crossarchus obscurus*), from Axim, Gold Coast, presented by R. W. Brent, Esq., on November 8th.

2 Black-spined Porcupine Anteaters or Echidnas (*Zaglossus nigroaculeatus* ?), from Charles Louis Mountains, New Guinea, new to the Collection, deposited on November 27th.

DECEMBER.

The registered additions to the Society's Menagerie during the month of December were 79 in number. Of these 40 were acquired by presentation, 4 by purchase, 17 were received on deposit, 7 in exchange, and 11 were born in the Gardens.

The total number of departures during the month, by death and removals, was 168.

Amongst the additions special attention may be called to the following:—

2 Ruffed Lemurs (*Lemur varius*) ♂ ♀, received in exchange on December 16th.

1 White-tailed Gnu (*Connochaetes gnu*) ♀, purchased on December 10th.

3 Mahali Weaver-birds (*Plocepasser mahali*), from South Africa, new to the Collection, received in exchange on December 17th.

1 Pink-browed Rose-Finch (*Propasser rhodochrous*), from the Himalayas, new to the Collection, presented by W. H. St. Quintin, Esq., F.Z.S., on December 19th.

1 Nepalese Eagle-Owl (*Huhuia nipalensis*), from the Maikola Valley, East Nepal, purchased on December 4th.

1 Bushmaster (*Lachesis mutus*), from Trinidad, presented by the Baron Leijonhufvud, F.Z.S., on December 10th.

Mr. D. SETH-SMITH, F.Z.S., Curator of Birds, exhibited a female Carolina Duck (*Lampronessa sponsa*) which had partially assumed the male plumage. It had shown no sign of this condition before the last moult. It now resembled the male in most respects, although the colours were duller and the characteristic markings less clearly defined, but it retained the brown colouring of the eye and the yellow skin and white patch of feathers surrounding it, which were characters of the female.

Mr. E. G. BOULENGER, F.Z.S., Curator of Reptiles, exhibited a blue specimen of the Edible Frog (*Rana esculenta*) which he had obtained from Tuscany. The blue colour was attributed to the absence of yellow pigment, which is present in large quantities in green frogs. This aberration is not very unfrequent in the European Tree-Frog (*Hyla arborea*), but very rare in the Edible Frog, and this was the first occasion on which such a specimen had been exhibited in the Gardens. Blue Edible Frogs have been previously reported from France, Western Germany, and Switzerland.

Mr. BOULENGER also exhibited a living specimen of the remarkable Lizard *Ptygopus lepidopus*, a species which is rarely seen alive in this country, and which had not been represented in the Society's Collection for some considerable time.

February 18, 1913.

Prof. E. A. MINCHIN, M.A., F.R.S., Vice-President,
in the Chair.

THE SECRETARY read the following report on the additions that had been made to the Society's Menagerie during the month of January, 1913 :—

The number of registered additions to the Society's Menagerie during the month of January last was 120. Of these 38 were acquired by presentation, 70 by purchase, 1 was received on deposit, 1 in exchange, and 10 were born in the Gardens.

The total number of departures during the same period, by deaths and removals, was 189.

Amongst the additions special attention may be directed to:—

1 American Bison (*Bison americanus*) ♀, from N. America, received in exchange on January 16th.

2 Barbary Apes (*Macacus inuus*) ♂ ♀, from Gibraltar, presented by Major C. E. P. Fowler, R.A.M.C., on January 1st.

2 Arabian Baboons (*Papio hamadryas*), from Arabia, 1 Anubis Baboon (*Papio anubis*), from W. Africa, 2 Mandrills (*Papio maimon*) ♂ ♀, from W. Africa, 1 Egyptian Mongoose (*Mungos ichneumon*), from Egypt, 1 Indian Green Barbet (*Thereiceryx zeylonicus*), from India, 1 Iceland Falcon (*Hierofalco islandus*), from Iceland, and 2 Black-necked Crowned Cranes (*Balearica pavonina*), from Nigeria, presented by W. O. Danckwerts, Esq., K.C., F.Z.S., on January 22nd, 24th, and 28th.

3 Cuban Black Bullfinches (*Melopyrrha nigra*), purchased on January 11th.

5 South-African Ostriches (*Struthio australis*), bred in Australia, purchased on January 6th.

Mr. E. G. BOULENGER, F.Z.S., Curator of Reptiles, exhibited spines of a hedgehog-like Madagascar Insectivore, *Ericulus setosus*, which had been found by Mr. C. R. Walter in the excrement of a *Boa madagascariensis*, this being probably the first instance on record of a Snake swallowing a spiny mammal.

The SECRETARY, Dr. P. CHALMERS MITCHELL, F.R.S., F.Z.S., exhibited a series of lantern-slides showing the opening and closing of the patch of white hairs forming the dorsal band in a living Tree-Hyrax (*Dendrohyrax dorsalis*).
